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COTTON PLANTING NEARING COMPLETION

Cotton planting is continuing at a steady pace. As of May 14, 92 percent of **Cotton** was reported as planted, compared with 84 percent last year and 92 percent for the 5-year average.

Alfalfa harvest activity remained fairly constant compared with last week. **Alfalfa** harvest was reported as 38 percent not being harvested, 8 percent light, 12 percent moderate, and 42 percent active. **Alfalfa** condition was reported as 4 percent poor, 17 percent fair, 45 percent good, and 34 percent excellent.

Range and Pasture conditions were reported as 10 percent very poor, 22 percent poor, 40 percent fair, 26 percent good, and 2 percent excellent. **Livestock** were reported to be in fair condition. **Stock Water** was reported as short to adequate. **Soil Moisture** was reported as short. **Insect Damage** was reported as none to light.

As of May 14, 97 percent of **Durum Wheat**, 97 percent of **Barley**, 96 percent of **Other Wheat**, and 98 percent of **Other Small Grains** were reported as **headed**, while 37 percent of

Durum Wheat, 40 percent of **Barley**, 47 percent of **Other Wheat**, and 30 percent of **Other Small Grains** were reported as **mature**.

Temperatures throughout the state were above average for the sixth week in a row. Temperatures ranged from 7 degrees above normal at Safford and Willcox to 2 degree above normal at Gila Bend. The highest temperature of the week was 103 degrees at Coolidge, while the lowest reading was 24 degrees at Flagstaff. There was no measurable precipitation at any of the reporting stations.

Last week producers in central Arizona continued to ship a variety of vegetables including **parsley**, **romaine** and **potatoes**. As western Arizona season nears its conclusion, producers shipped **cantaloupes**, **honeydew** and **potatoes**.

Central Arizona citrus producers harvested **lemons**, **grapefruit**, **tangerines**, **tangelos** and **valencias**. Western citrus producers harvested **grapefruit** and **lemons** last week.

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TEMPERATURES AND PRECIPITATION DATA FOR THE WEEK MAY 7-13, 2000

Station	Temperatures				Precipitation 2/		
	Avg.	Dep. 1/	High	Low	Past Week	Jan. 1 to Date	Normal to Date
Canyon De Chelly	58	3	85	26	0.00	2.35	2.84
Casa Grande	75	5	102	62	0.00	1.74	5.68
Coolidge	72	6	103	47	0.00	2.27	2.99
Douglas	67	6	95	45	0.00	0.37	1.97
Flagstaff	49	4	77	24	0.00	5.39	8.57
Gila Bend	77	2	101	52	0.00	2.05	2.13
Grand Canyon	49	6	79	28	0.00	6.01	5.82
Kingman	65	2	88	38	0.00	0.62	3.60
Parker	78	3	101	56	0.00	0.66	1.77
Payson	59	5	86	35	0.00	6.09	7.61
Phoenix	77	4	100	63	0.00	2.99	2.52
Prescott Airport	57	5	82	36	0.00	2.16	3.37
Safford Ag Center	68	7	98	43	0.00	0.33	2.16
Tucson	72	6	98	54	0.00	1.18	2.72
Willcox	64	7	93	38	0.00	1.09	2.62
Winslow	60	5	88	28	0.00	1.49	1.91
Yuma	77	3	97	60	0.00	0.30	0.96

1/ Departure of temperature for reporting period from average temperature for that week.

2/ Daily precipitation totals 5 a.m. to 5 a.m. instead of midnight to midnight. Periods of record used in computing "average to date" for precipitation and "departure" for average temperatures may be obtained from National Weather Service, Phoenix.

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